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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence  
Deputy Director for Operations  
Deputy Director for Science & Technology

FROM: John F. Blake  
Deputy Director for Administration

Gentlemen:

During the course of a conversation with Admiral Turner on Thursday afternoon, 14 April, he mentioned he was giving consideration to replacing [REDACTED] with an Agency professional. He asked me if I could interest myself in this matter and I told him I would do so.

As I understand it, the individual involved would be basically responsible for ensuring the timely and adequate flow of papers to the Admiral in consonance with his scheduled activities and meetings. I am sure an Agency professional, based on his own background, would play the role a little bit differently than [REDACTED] does because of that person's familiarity with the Agency, his ability to spot any missing necessary coordinations, his ability to relate certain ongoing activities with past actions on the same matter, etc. In discussing this matter with Hank Knoche, we are of the opinion we should look to the GS-14 to GS-16 grade level.

I would appreciate receipt of nominees from you by Monday, 25 April 1977.

/s/ John F. Blake

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P.S. Inasmuch as I am not aware if [REDACTED] is knowledgeable of this development, I suggest discretion in handling the matter.

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